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1. The lignite (wood coal) mine of Sostanj is situated on the Sostanj-Velenje road, four kilometers from Sostanj and two from Velenje. The mine employs 2,000 workers and produces 100 carloads (sic) daily. Lignite from the mine supplies fuel for operating a central station which supplies all the electric energy needed to operate mining machinery and lights. The mine has a planing shop where all wooden construction is built for the mine, and where wood (sic) is prepared for shipment.
2. The mine is connected to a railroad and when the lignite has been mined and graded according to size, it is shipped according to the plan for distribution. There is only one shaft for both men and material.
3. Engineer Joze Gostinsek is manager of the mine. His assistant is Joze Prebil, Secretary of the Communist Party in this locality and representative of the mine. Engineer Pepi Groganac, is on the staff. Industrial Militia men, of whom there are 26 and who are headed by a standard bearer, guard the mine. The attached sketch depicts further details and the location of the mine, and the legend gives an explanation on the individual objectives.
4. Legend
 1. Central heating plant
 2. Station, housing truck, 26 militia men and one standard bearer
 3. Machinery and rolling stock for mining lignite and transporting it to objective No. 4.
 4. Screening equipment for lignite grading to size
 5. Planing (wood) shop
 6. Wood working shop
 7. Warehouse

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8. Mine shaft, with electric hoists
 9. Mine office
 10. Offices of the organization syndicate and training hall
 11. Warehouse
 12. Garage with six trucks
 13. Stable (ten horses, used in the mine)
 14. Offices
 15. Baths
 16. Locksmith (sic)
 17. Blacksmith shop
 18. Electricians
 19. Guard
 20. Scale for weighing loaded cars
- A wooden fence encloses all the property.

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